

NeverTheLess – January 15, 2017

TODAY AND THIS WEEK

WELCOME TO ALL, especially if you are visiting us today. We are delighted to have you here.

EPIPHANY PLAY TODAY during 10 am service.

Because of the snow last week, we postponed the Epiphany play to today. Children 3 through middle school participate in the exciting retelling of the Wise Men finding Jesus in the stable.

VESTRY NEWS

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be a special congregational meeting at 9:00 am on Sunday, January 22, 2017 in Brydon Hall for the purpose of voting on whether to decrease our vestry membership from 12 members to 9. Please plan to attend.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS The SJTL Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, February 12, 2017, immediately following 10:00 church. A new Vestry will be elected at that time.

Vestry nominating requirements

Deciding who to nominate to serve on the vestry is not done lightly. It is a process of discernment. The nominating committee listened for the Spirit to guide them in their choice of candidates who have the spiritual gifts to serve the parish in this ministry at this time. The vestry nominating committee, composed of the outgoing vestry class, prayerfully engages in this discernment and invites your participation. These are the qualifications and gifts they look for:

- That the candidate be at least 16 years of age
- That the candidate is known to the treasurer
- That the candidate is a communicant in good standing
- That the candidate is a person of prayer
- That the candidate has an open mind and an open heart
- That the candidate would be coming to serve on the vestry with no personal agenda other than the good of the parish community and the building up of the Kingdom of God
- That the candidate has the time and desire to serve, and consents to be nominated
- That the candidate should have demonstrated a level of commitment to St. James the Less which is appropriate to vestry service.

Members of the nominating committee are: Julie Ericksen, Harry Hassell, Tom Fritter, Steve Pace, Bob May, Tanya Reagan, Jenny Bruce, and Rich Holt.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, immediately following 10:00 am church. If you are a Committee Chair, please prepare a report of your committee's activities and accomplishments during 2016 and forward it to Margaret (mrush@stjamestheless.com) by Friday, January 27 so that she can pull together the Annual report in time for the meeting.

STEWARDSHIP

A TAXWISE OPPORTUNITY An IRA Rollover Gift is a Simple Way to Make a Gift -

If you are 70½ or older and own a traditional IRA, please consider making an IRA charitable rollover gift. You can make a gift of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to St. James the Less this year. Your gift will:

- not be included in your taxable income.
- satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.
- reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- not be subject to the 50% limitation on charitable gifts.
- help the programs and ministries of your parish.

An IRA charitable rollover is a very simple gift to make. Please contact us or your IRA administrator for assistance in completing an IRA charitable rollover gift. Don't miss the chance to make a charitable IRA gift this year!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As of Tuesday, January 3, we had received 88 Pledges for a total of \$283,914.00, towards a goal of \$370,000.00.

OUTREACH

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MISSION – TRI-CITIES WORKCAMP CALLING ALL ADULT MALES

– YOU ARE WANTED! Keeping with tradition, SJTL High Schoolers will attend the JULY 16 – 22 (2nd week) of camp. This is a FULL week commitment/retreat! For more information: www.tcworkcamps.org. Danah Massey will be one chaperone representing SJTL; **THERE IS AN ESPECIAL NEED FOR A MALE CHAPERONE TO PARTICIPATE.** Please contact Danah Massey if you, or someone you know, can help.

POP TOPS!!! St James the Less has a phenomenal start to this school year's saving of Pop Tops for the Richmond Ronald McDonald House! Wow. Please keep up the momentum. Any pop top will do: soup cans, soda cans, dog / cat food cans ... Keep 'em coming! The Sunday School wants to deliver the best year ever to the Ronald McDonald House in memory of Charlotte Reynolds.

VESTRY MEMBERS: Steve Pace (SW); Bob May (JW); Julie Ericksen; Tom Fritter; Harry Hassell; Jenny Bruce; Rich Holt; Tanya Reagan; Dawn Davis; Richard Grosse; Beth Markwood, Matt Smith

SJTL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS: ADULT FORMATION, Harry Hassell; CHILDREN/YOUTH FORMATION, Aleta Meyer; STEWARDSHIP, Bill Harrison; PARISH LIFE, Steve Pace & Bob May; PASTORAL CARE, Stephanie Werner; FINANCE, Yancey Jones; OUTREACH, Ginny Meyer & Julie Ericksen; FUNDRAISING, Jenny Bruce & Sylvia Spagna; PROPERTY, Tom Fritter; CHENERY, Naomi Pace; COMMUNICATIONS, Dawn Davis; WORSHIP NUTS & BOLTS, Anna Brawley

PRAYER LIST – January 15, 2017

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the clergy and congregations of Meade Memorial Alexandria; St. Peter's in the Woods Fairfax Station; Grace Casanova; Immanuel-on-the-Hill Alexandria; Olivet Franconia

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: PRAY for Kyushu - (Japan) The Rt Revd Luke Ken-ichi Muto

For the repose of souls: Fernando Casas; Charles Smith; Sumpter Priddy

For our parishioners requesting our prayers: **GUS** Miller, **MAUD** Brumback, **PAT** Funk, **DICK** Harman, **HENRY** Mayer, **ERIN** Yagla, **STEWART** Dishman, **TRUMAN** Parmele, **DON** Jones, **CHARLIE** Thompson, **NED** Stiles, **DOUG & JOANIE** Burgoyne, **GAYELLEN** Wagner, the **RISON** family, **JOYCE** Blunt, **ASHLEY** Harrison, the **CASAS/BAJCSI** Family, Mary Helen Williams

For those serving in the diplomatic corps, the military, and as missionaries: **KEMPER** Jones, **GREG** Ericksen, **ANDREW** Walton, **ROBERT** Ham, **MATTHEW** Thomas, **PHILIP** Morison, **JAMES** Ashley, **ANDREW** Brunson

Relatives & Friends: (*people added this week are in italics*) **MAC** Pace (father of Steve Pace), **ANNE MARIE** Fisher (friend of the Jones family), **TRAVIS** Williams (friend of the SJTL Parish), **PATRICIA** Reppert (aunt of PK Kinser; friend of the Meyer family); **WILL** Holman (friend of the SJTL Parish), **JOHN** Murphy (father of Erin Murphy), **JANE** Markwood (mother of Tim Markwood), **NANCY** Margie (friend of Aleta Meyer), **MARY & JIMMY** (family of Tammie & Bob May), **ORIANA** Hargrove (friend of Bobbie & Tom Street), **ALICE** Wallace (mother of Beth Markwood), The Rev. **NANCY** Cox (friend of the Meyer family), **LYNN** Forehand (cousin of Joyce Blunt), **VICKI** Snelgrave (cousin of Joyce Blunt), **HAMILTON** family (friends of the Roberts family), **DAVID** Smith (brother of Mary Helen Williams), **DELORIS** Shubert (friend of the SJTL and Fork Church parishes), **MARK** Smith (friend of Betty Moore), **BETTY FAY** Thomas (sister of Mary Lou Brown), **CAROL** Brown (sister of Bob Brown), **BETH** Vannais (cousin of Bob Brown), **CARLENE** Hockett (friend of Ricki Carson), **EARL** May (brother of Bob May), **GINNY** Walker (niece of Karl and Ginny Meyer), **STEFANI** Schatz (friend of Anna Brawley), **JOE** Duggan (friend of Anna Brawley), **KIM** Cave (friend of Pat Jordan), **JANET** Cobb (sister of Jim Cobb), **KATHERINE** Anderson (friend of Katherine Tinker), **FERNANDO** Casas (father of Ana Bajcsi), **KATHY** Balducci (friend of Jenny Bruce), **BILL** May (brother of Bob May), **CONNIE** Hoar (sister of John Hoar), **DAPHNE** Haddad (friend of Anna Brawley), **BETSY** Owen (sister of former organist's wife, Elaine Hooley, friend of the parish), **WIL** Lawrence (son of Ann & Wilbur Lawrence), **DONNA** Hoffman (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer), **TOM** Ogden (friend of Karl and Ginny Meyer), **CONNIE** Barney (friend of the Pace family), **LELIA** Moran (friend of the SJTL parish family), **PHILLIP** Robertson (friend of Pat Jordan), **CHANDRA** Flurry Nicholson (family of Doris and Harry Hassell); **PAM** Whittaker (friend of Beth Markwood), **AUDREY JO** Weaver (mother of Tammie May), **MILDRED** Morris (*friend of the SJTL parish*), **HADEN** Hopkins (*son of Ron and Condé Hopkins*)